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Hey Jersey City! Let's Keep Our Pets Healthy Vaccinations Available For ALL Jersey City Dogs and Cats Newest Program Made Possible by \$10,000 ASPCA Grant Highlights This Year's Jersey City Pet Owner's Day!

JERSEY CITY – With eight stops on the tour and a \$10,000 grant from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy**, members of the Municipal Council, the Department of Health & Human Services/Division of Health are proud to present **Jersey City's Third Annual Pet Owner's Day Clinics**, beginning **Sunday, April 22nd, 2012**, and running weekends through **Saturday, June 16th, 2012**. All events will be held from **11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** on the dates listed below.

"I strongly encourage dog and cat owners to take advantage of this event," said **Mayor Healy**. "We felt it was important during these difficult economic times to find private funding for animal health and hope that all pet owners keep their animals up to date on all necessary shots."

Pet Owner's Day has grown dramatically from one event at City Hall in 2010 to a record scheduled eight events at various locations across Jersey City in 2012. In addition to the traditional FREE rabies shots for BOTH dogs and cats, this year will offer FREE wellness shots to any dog or cat whose owner is a resident of Jersey City, courtesy of the ASPCA grant.

For Dogs (4 in 1) DA2PP = Distemper, Adenovirus 2 (also called Hepatitis), Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus.

For Cats (3 in 1)FVRCP = Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia (cat distemper).

"For many people, pets are part of the family," said **Mayor Healy**. "The best way to protect their health is by keeping them up-to-date on wellness shots. We are happy to be able to provide this to our residents free of charge."

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All dogs must be licensed to receive free shots (cats are not required to be licensed in Jersey City) and Bureau of Animal Control personnel will be on hand to help residents take advantage of the immensely popular and frugal “Save on the Fee & Tag Fido for Three” program, where canines are licensed for three years at the low cost of \$20 per neutered dog or \$30 per unneutered dog. Residents who wish to license their dogs for only one year will pay \$8 for neutered pets and \$10 for unneutered animals.

“As a responsible dog owner, it is important to license your dog in the municipality where you live,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Licensing allows us to keep not only a record of your dog’s history, but in the event that your dog is lost, he or she can be quickly and easily identified using a registration tag. “

People For Animals is joining Pet Owner’s Day this year and will provide residents and their pets with spay/neuter counseling, \$25 micro-chipping, Frontline and Revolution flea prevention applications for \$10 and \$14 respectively, and Strongid home dosages at \$5 per 10 pounds of each pet’s body weight.

Residents whose dogs are already up-to-date with their rabies shots and have a three-year dog license can still come to these clinics for the free wellness shots and other services provided by People For Animals.

All dogs must be leashed or in a carrier. All cats must be in a carrier. Dogs and cats must be accompanied by an adult (18 and over) at all times.

2012 Pet Owner’s Day Clinics will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Sunday, April 22 nd	@ City Hall, 280 Grove Street
Sunday, April 29 th	@ Bethune Center Parking Lot, 140 MLK Drive
Saturday, May 5 th	@ Pershing Field (Behind Skating Rink), 201 Central Avenue
Saturday, May 12 th	@ Country Village Park, Sycamore Road
Saturday, May 19 th	@ Audubon Park, 103 – 129 Bergen Avenue
Saturday, June 2 nd	@ Riverview/Fisk Park, Palisade Avenue
Sunday, June 10 th	@ Lincoln Park (Running Track Parking Lot)
Saturday, June 16 th	@ Arlington Park, 785 Grand Street

Note: Please make all Checks or Money Orders for Licensing Fees Payable to “Jersey City Division Of Health”. **NO CASH will be accepted for licensing.**

People For Animals accepts Cash or Credit Cards (*Master Card/Visa/Discover*) **ONLY. No checks.**

For more information, call 201-547-4888 or visit the City’s website at www.jerseycitynj.gov.

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